

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Robert A. Lata, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Request to Remove One Oak Tree - Tract 2422 (Harrod)
DATE: May 18, 2004

Needs: For the City Council to consider a request to remove one 7.25-inch White Oak Tree.

- Facts:**
1. The City has received a written request from North Coast Engineering on behalf of Mike Harrod, for removal of the tree.
 2. As described in the attached memo from North Coast Engineering, the tree is located in the path of where the 60-inch storm drains, the 16-inch water main and the road improvements for the extension of Navajo Road need to be constructed.
 3. An Arborist Report was performed by Chip Tamangi of A & T Arborists, where he described the health of the tree as being a '2', indicating that the tree is in poor condition.
 4. The tree request was reviewed by the City Engineer in relation to the improvement plans, where it has been determined that with the improvements necessary to construct the development and with the limited area of where the improvement can be placed, it would not make sense to try and design around the tree. (See attached memo from the City Engineer)

**Analysis
And**

Conclusion: The 7.25-inch tree is not a significant tree and based on its location which interferes with road, storm drains and water line improvements, it would appear that it would be more a benefit to the City to get the necessary improvements installed which effect more than just Tract 2422, than try and design around the subject oak tree. With the removal of the tree, there would be a requirement to replace the tree with one two-inch White Oak Tree.

Policy

Reference: Paso Robles Municipal Code Section 10.01

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Impact: None.

- Options:**
- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 04-xx approving the oak tree removal request based on the tree interfering with the necessary improvements for Tract 2422, and require replacement ratio of one 2-inch White Oak to be planted in a location that is appropriate for the species of tree as determined by a horticulture professional (e.g., White Oaks should be planted in arid environment).
 - b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Letter of Transmittal from North Coast Engineering
- 3. Memo from the City Engineer
- 4. Arborist Report
- 5. Plan showing location of tree in relation to the road improvements.
- 6. Photos of the tree
- 7. Resolution to Approve



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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Date: 4/30/04

TO:

Darren Nash
City of Paso Robles
Planning Department
1000 Spring Street
Paso Robles, CA. 93446

Fax: (805) 237-6565

Telephone: (805) 237-3970

RE: Tract 2422 - Oak Tree Removal Permit

WE ARE SENDING YOU THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

JOB NO.: 97168

Copies	Date	No.	Description
1			Arborist Report
1			Oak Tree Removal Permit

THESE ARE TRANSMITTED as checked below:

- For approval
 For your use
 As requested
 For review and comment

REMARKS:

Darren, here is the paperwork for the Oak Tree at Navajo and South River Road. Rough grading of the site will begin within a few days and this tree represents an obstruction to the installation of two 60" storm drains, the 16" master plan water main installation and road grading for Navajo Road extension. Thanks for helping us with this on such short notice.....

COPY TO:

with enclosures



SIGNED: Tim Riley

If enclosures are not as noted, kindly notify us at once.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Darren Nash
FROM: John Falkenstien
SUBJECT: Tract 2422, Tree Removal
DATE: May 6, 2004

I have reviewed the tree removal request filed by Mike Harrod for the 7-inch oak tree located along South River Road adjacent to Tract 2422.

The tree is located in what will become a portion of the paved intersection of Navajo Avenue and South River Road. The design of South River Road has been addressed by the City Council in the form of a request for modification of City Standards. South River Road is specifically designed to transition from four lanes to two. It is a tight fit to place the road between the steep banks on the east side and the lower property on the west side.

It would be difficult to adjust the design of South River Road to avoid the tree. The difficulty of designing around the tree is further complicated by the extension of Navajo Avenue into the Harrod project.

I see no alternative to removal of this tree that would meet the goals of the Circulation Element and the goals of the Council as related to their review of design of South River Road at Navajo Avenue.



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BY:.....

1615 Lupine Lane, Templeton, California 93465

4-29-04
North Coast Engineering
River Road Widening Project

This report is in regards to a 7.27 inch diameter white oak tree (*Quercus lobata*) located across the road from the confluence of Navajo Road and River Road in Paso Robles, California. This tree will have a 100% construction impact, as it is located within the proposed paving area. The tree will need to be removed for the new road construction.

Tree Rating System

A rating system of 1-10 was used for visually establishing the overall condition of the tree. The rating system is defined as follows:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Condition</u>
0	Deceased
1	Evidence of massive past failures, extreme disease and is in severe decline.
2	May be saved with attention to class 4 pruning, insect/pest eradication and future monitoring.
3	Some past failures, some pests or structural defects that may be mitigated by pruning.
4	May have had minor past failures, excessive deadwood or minor structural defects that can be mitigated with pruning.
5	Relatively healthy tree with little visual structural and or pest defects.
6	Healthy tree that probably can be left in its natural state.
7-9	Have had proper arboricultural pruning and attention or have no apparent structural defects.
10	Specimen tree with perfect shape, structure and foliage in a protected setting (i.e. park, arboretum).

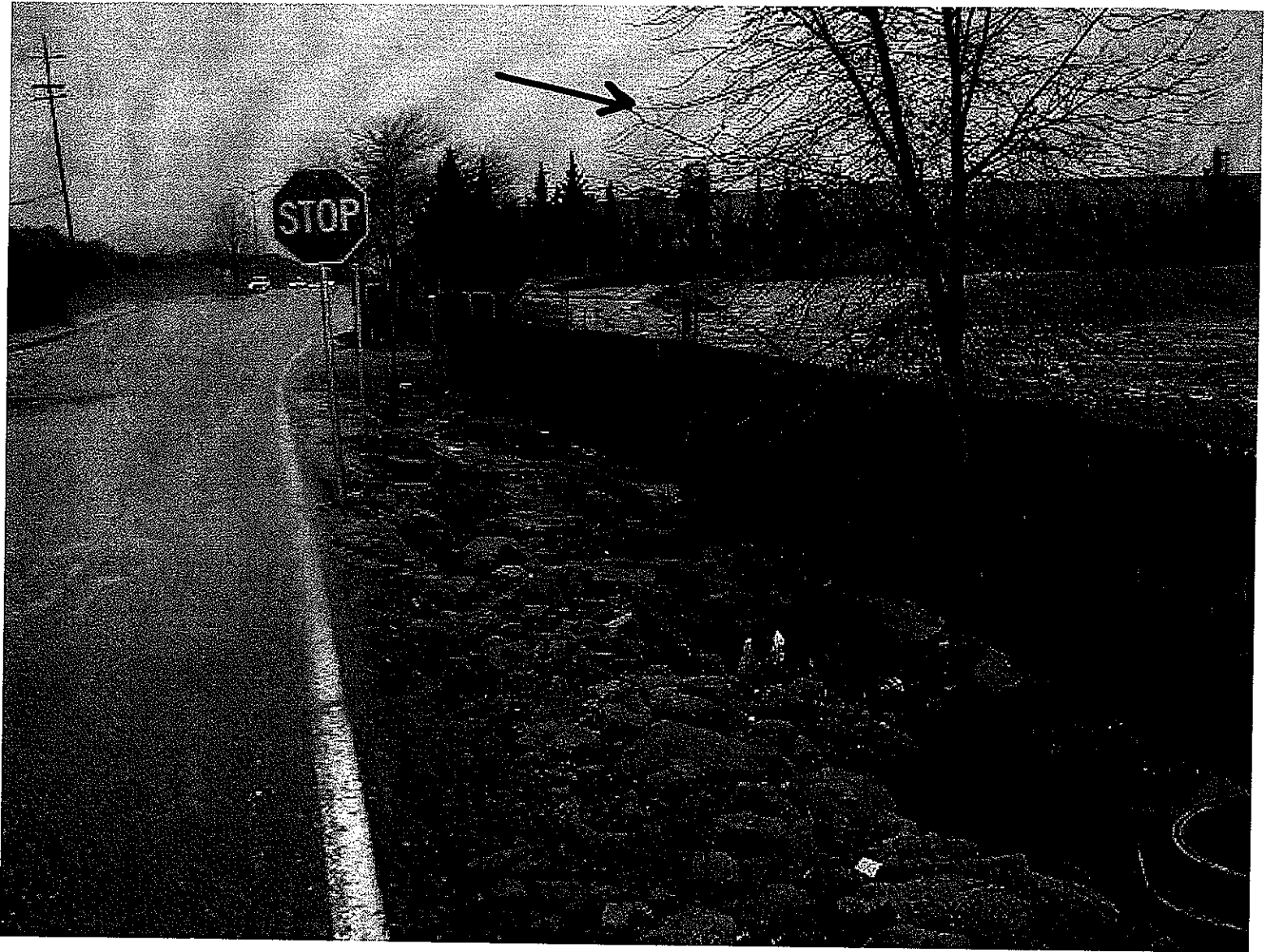
This particular tree could have originally be rated at a six on the above scale, however, there is some recent tractor damage that has removed one half of the cambium layer approximately six feet off of the ground. This tree currently rates at a two due to the damage.

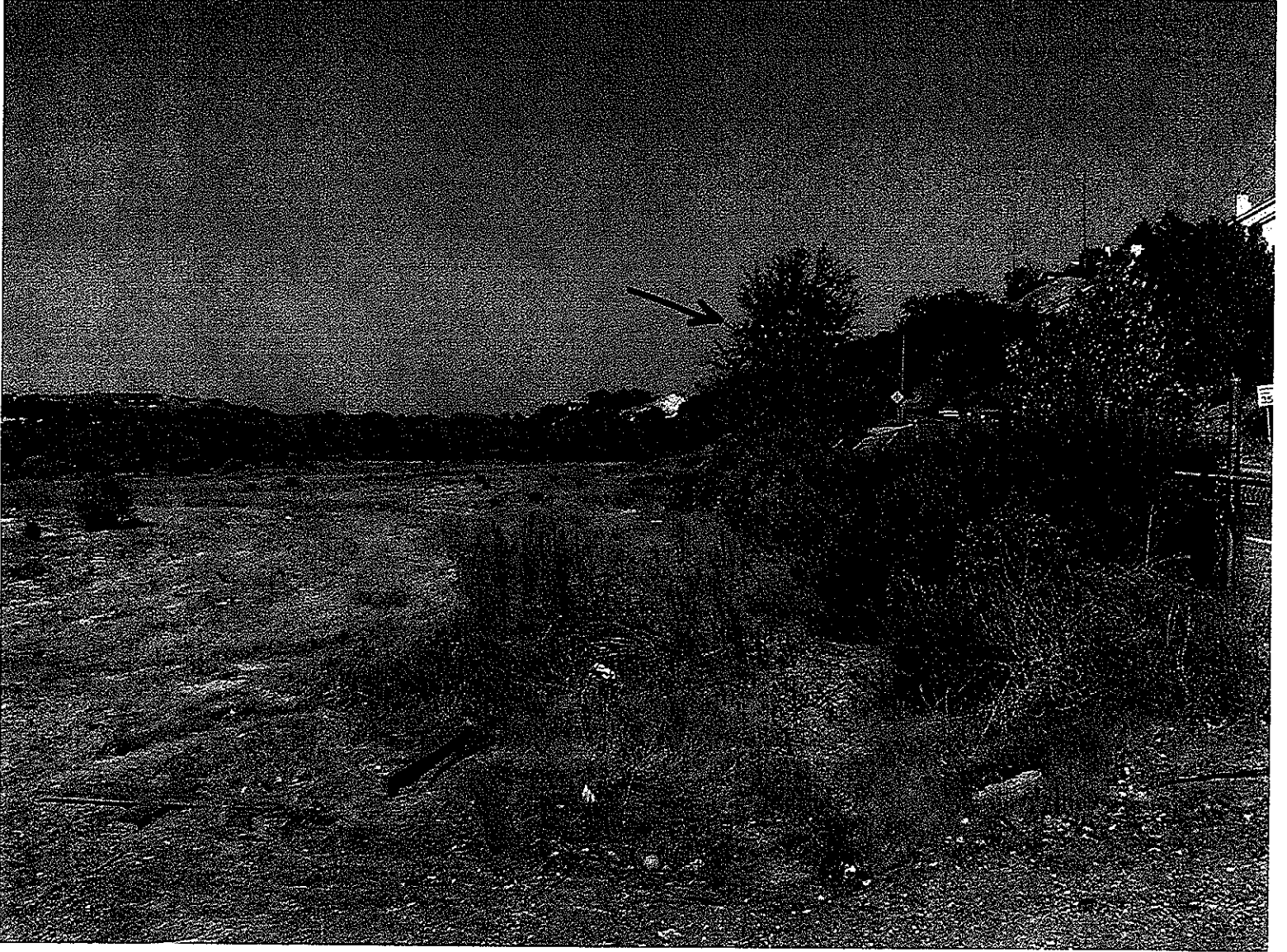
Please let us know if we can be of any future assistance to you for this project.

Steven G. Alvarez
Certified Arborist #WC 0511

Chip Tamagni
Certified Arborist #WE 6436-A

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CT' followed by a stylized flourish.





RESOLUTION NO. 04-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES AUTHORIZING
THE REMOVAL OF ONE OAK TREE WITHIN
THE SOUTH RIVER ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO TRACT 2422
(HARROD)

WHEREAS, the City has received an application submitted by North Coast Engineering, on behalf of Mike Harrod, to remove one (1) White Oak tree (the tree has a diameter of 7.25-inches) located within the South River Road right of way, adjacent to Tract 2422; and

WHEREAS, the tree is in the path of the required 60-inch storm drains, the 16-inch water main and the Road improvements necessary for both South River Road and Navajo Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed the tree removal request and has determined that it would not make sense to try and design the improvements around the tree; and

WHEREAS, Chip Tamangi, of A&T Consulting Arborists, has prepared an Arborist Report dated April 29, 2004, indicates that the tree is in poor condition but could be saved, but recommended removal based on the interference with the required tract improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby:

1. Authorize the removal of one (1) White Oak tree within the South River Road right of way, adjacent to Tract 2422.
2. Require the applicant to plant one 2-inch diameter White Oak tree within the tract. White Oaks need to be planted in a location that is appropriate for the species of tree as determined by a horticulture professional (e.g. White Oaks should be planted in arid environment).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 18th day of May 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk